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CCNC National President's Message

SARS a wake-up call to the Chinese Canadian community

The SARS outbreak in Canada earlier this year illustrated the reality of racism and its impact on Chinese and Asian Canadians.

The response of media, public officials and the wider community reflected deeply-held stereotypes of Chinese Canadians that have existed in Canada since we arrived in Canada over one hundred years ago. Officials such as former Ontario Energy Minister John Baird mockingly coughed at a press conference and joked about how he "enjoyed [his] trip in Asia". Staff at some hearings for Chinese refugee claimants at the Immigration and Refugee Protection Board wore masks, despite the fact that these claimants had been in the country for up to two years and posed no risk to anyone. Newspapers and television reports repeatedly featured photos of Asians wearing masks, providing constant reinforcement of the association of Chinese and Asian Canadians with disease. Our restaurants, hair salons and other businesses in Toronto saw decline in business of up to 80%. And Chinese and Asian Canadians were shunned on transit, in schools and other public places.

Most disturbing was the quick response of hate groups to post inflammatory articles on their websites, blaming the spread of disease on Canadian immigration policy and on Chinese Canadians in particular. CCNC and the Chinese Cultural Centre

in Toronto received hate calls blaming the spread of SARS on "dirty" Chinese Canadians; and the courageous Chinese Canadian family who were the first victims of SARS, despite going public in order to save lives, were treated as outcasts by the wider community. According to the Globe and Mail, they were treated "like monsters. They say we eat like rats and live like pigs."

Our public officials, except for a few such as Olivia Chow and Dr. Sheila Basrur in Toronto, were unresponsive to the racial impact of SARS in Canada; save for a few opportunistic photo ops in Chinese restaurants, our politicians did little. No compensation was offered to the marginal and low-wage workers and small businesses most affected by SARS. No public education campaign focused on the racialization of this virus. Instead we got concerts subsidized by the public purse and slick ad campaigns extolling the virtues of tourism in Canada.

It was only our own community that pulled together, to address this unfortunate side effect of SARS. CCNC was active in responding to the racist backlash through the media, meetings with public officials, and by bringing together groups from across the country to strategize about how to respond to the backlash. With the support of Canadian Heritage, we are now also carrying out a study to document the impact of SARS on our community. A Chinese Canadian coalition formed in Toronto to provide accurate information and support to the community. And Chinese Canadian journalists like Jan Wong and Steve Chao provided insight into this backlash. Finally, Chinese Canadians were reminded of their tenuous place in this country through their own direct, personal experiences of racism. May they take these experiences and transform them through action.

Chinese Canadian Pioneer Award

Richard Fung

Richard Fung has been described as a public intellectual, artist, videographer, host with the most, and activist. Richard comes from a family with Chinese Trinidadian roots, who have all succeeded in their fields of work; and Richard is no exception. Richard was featured on the cover of Toronto's NOW Magazine (April 2002) where his work included completing 11 videotapes that "probed the trouble spots in how people thought about sex, history, family and race". He has worked in a number of different mediums to get his message out including teaching, art, activism, and critical writing. As a public intellectual, he has been on many panels and given lectures on queer sexuality, Asian identity and the "queasy borderlands of culture and politics" (NOW Magazine, April 2002).

Richard had recently worked at the Centre for Independent Visual Media and Education at the University of Toronto Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. He was co-founder of Gay Asians of Toronto and is an activist in anti-racism and education work. Richard has pushed the envelope to advance the issues of gay Asians in the mainstream and Chinese community via his art, writing, and teaching.

It is with great honour that we award Richard with this year's Chinese Canadian Pioneer Award in recognition of his dedication and commitment to the Chinese Canadian community.

Masia One

Chinese Canadian Pioneer Youth Award

Masia One strives to represent Asian females in a more positive light in an industry quick to play into stereotypes. Born in Singapore and educated in Vancouver B.C., the longtime fan of Public Enemy received a degree in architecture from the University of Toronto. She took her first artistic step forward in 2001 at The Cyberkrib.com's "I Still love H.E.R" – an all female urban showcase where she left the crowds with much applause and admiration.

Today, Masia One's goal is to become a recognized artist, not only in hip hop, but in the overall spectrum of music. She has currently completed her debut album, which was released Canada wide in August 2003 (Idiepool Canada). The 12 track CD is a true 100% independent venture with everything from design, art direction, marketing, promotion and publicity all developed and carried out through Masia's owned and operated M! Group and her co-management team. She was recently featured in Jasmine magazine's debut issue, Canada's First Asian Women's magazine.

Masia One has set and achieved her goals of becoming a successful and recognized artist in a previously male-dominated music medium and has inspired many of our Chinese Canadian young women, to dream and aspire to levels of excellence in whatever they choose to do.

Congratulations Masia One on being this year's recipient of the Chinese Canadian Pioneer Youth Award.

Deputation to U.N. on Redress for Head Tax and Exclusion Act

Gloria Fung

Chinese Canadian National Council and the Metro Toronto Chinese and Southeast Asian Legal Clinic jointly presented a deputation on Redress for the Head Tax and Exclusion Act to the United Nations Special Rapporteur, Mr. Doudou Diene on September 25, 2003.

The two organizations urged Mr. Diene to recommend to the Canadian Government that it redress this injustice perpetuated against the Chinese Canadian community, particularly on individuals who paid the Head Tax, and were subject to 24 years of discrimination under the Exclusion Act. CCNC's submission presented the historical background of the Head Tax and Exclusion Act and the long-term devastating impact on individuals, families and the Chinese Canadian community as a whole.

For decades, Chinese head tax payers and their families suffered extreme economic hardship, forced separation and degrading racist treatment. Because of years of anti-Chinese immigration legislation, today the Chinese Canadian community

still exhibits many characteristics of first-generation immigrants despite its history of 150 years in Canada. The disproportionate number of foreign born among the Chinese population hindered the development of its political participation in Canada. The Chinese Canadian community is still vulnerable and can easily become a target of racial profiling whenever a crisis such as SARS emerges. Redress would help restore to the head tax payers and their families their human dignity and a sense of belonging in a country that has long excluded them. Redress would also help to define the history of the Chinese Canadian community.

Internationally, reparations for past injustices have become increasingly recognized as a means of restoring dignity to human rights victims. Both foreign domestic courts and international instruments have expressed principles upon which redress for past discrimination may be obtained. Canada is a signatory to a number of international human rights documents including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. Yet, Canada has failed to incorporate these internationally recognized principles into domestic law, and treats the issue of reparation as a prerogative of the Crown, to be granted only at the discretion of cabinet.

In light of the Canadian Government's failure to engage in dialogue on redress, we asked that the Special Rapporteur raise this issue with the Canadian Government during his visit. It is important to all communities seeking redress for discrimination, and to Canadian society as a whole. Addressing the official racism in Canada's past ensures that these events are not forgotten and reaffirms the principle that all Canadians are equal. No one should profit from racism as the Canadian Government did with the Head Tax.

Immigration and Refugee Policy Committee Report 2002-2003

Gloria Fung

This year CCNC continued its advocacy work related to federal immigration and refugee policy with the aim that it should better reflect the humanitarian values that are commonly shared by Canadians and enhance the ability of newcomers to make an important contribution to the future of our country.

In February, we presented two deputations to the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration with respect to the proposed Citizenship Bill C-18 and Settlement Programs.

Our submission on Bill C-18 focused on five areas that are of major concern to the Chinese Canadian community: residency requirements, adoptees, automatic loss of citizenship, revocation and annulment of citizenship, and power to refuse and prohibitions for granting of citizenship. We called on the government to maintain a flexible definition of residency in Canada to provide freedom and mobility for those who have to travel or work out of Canada. We expressed our concern that Bill C-18 creates different and unequal classes of citizenship, and makes it easier to lose citizenship. We recommended that the government include an exception where the charges and convictions are reached in an unfair process outside Canada to avoid creating draconian new powers resulting in the violation of fundamental legal and procedural rights of all Canadians.

Based on our belief that effective settlement and integration services are vital to the success of immigrants and refugees in Canada, we called on the government to:

1. Significantly increase the operational and core funding for settlement and integration programs,

2. Address gaps and inconsistencies in the provision of settlement services among different departments and different levels of governments,

3. Provide frontline agencies with greater flexibility in meeting the specific needs of immigrants and refugees, and allow diversity in programming,

4. increase funding for settlement services, including language training, and expand eligibility to include naturalized citizens and refugee claimants.

In June, many of our recommendations with respect to Settlement Programs were incorporated into the final proposal prepared by the Standing Committee. We seek to work with our chapters and other NGOs to hold politicians to these recommendations.

In September, we helped organize a public forum on federally and provincially funded Adult ESL programs, along with students, teachers, NGOs and politicians from all three levels of government. Discussion focused on the importance of adequate funding for language training to help immigrants and refugees fully participate in our social, economic and political life. Participants shared ideas on strategies to raise the profile of the issue with the general public and government decision-makers.

We welcomed the recent reduction of the pass mark for skilled workers on the point grid system to 67, following lobbying by CCNC and many other NGOs on this issue under Bill C-11 in 2002.

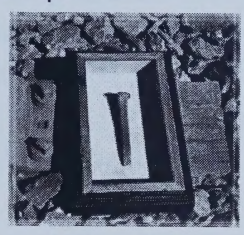
Report on the Redress Campaign

Winxie Tse

The Last Spike campaign is the most recent initiative of the Redress Committee and involves an actual railway spike, generously donated by eminent Canadian historian, Pierre Berton (author of the book, "The Last Spike") which will travel across Canada to locally organized events by CCNC chapters and other groups. The purpose of the Last Spike campaign is to increase public awareness of the racist legacy created by the Head Tax and Chinese Exclusion Act. The Last Spike campaign also supports our ongoing efforts to lobby the Federal Government for compensation for head tax payers and their families who suffered because of this racist legislation. At the time of publication of this banquet book, Last Spike events had been held in Halifax (where the Last Spike campaign was launched on September 12, 2003), York Region, Banff and Edmonton. Last Spike events are being planned for Toronto, Montreal, Calgary, Vancouver, Ottawa and possibly other cities. The Last Spike campaign and events have received extensive media coverage and stories have been reported in Chinese and English newspapers, television and radio.

Representatives of CCNC National and Vancouver, Montreal and Halifax CCNC chapters, met with and made oral and written submissions on the issue of the Head Tax and Chinese Exclusion Act to the United Nations Special Rapporteur Mr. Doudou Diene on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, during his visit to Canada from September 12-25, 2003. It is expected that the issue of the Head Tax and Exclusion Act will be discussed in the report of the Special Rapporteur to be released in December 2003. The meetings with the Special Rapporteur were also reported in the media.

A new coalition of high profile individuals and organizations named, Canadians for Redress, was formed in May 2003 to support the Redress Campaign. Members of Canadians for Redress include Pierre Berton, June Callwood, Shirley Douglas, Margaret Atwood, the National Association for Japanese Canadians, and many, many others who support CCNC's campaign for redress by donating items, such as the Last Spike, or speaking out in support of redress at press conferences and other events. As the Redress Campaign builds momentum, the coalition continues to expand.



At the culmination of the Postcard Campaign, a successful rally was held on Parliament Hill on October 29, 2002. Over 3000 postcards were signed urging the Prime Minister to enter into negotiations to redress the Head Tax and Chinese Exclusion Act. Members of the New Democratic Party, Alexa McDonough and Libby Davies, and leader of the Bloc Quebecois Party, Gilles Duceppe, spoke at the rally in support of redress. Canadian Heritage Minister, Sheila Copps, and Secretary of State for Multiculturalism, Jean Augustine, also attended the rally.

Redress Committee members are continuing to lobby the Federal Government for redress and met with key MPs, Paul Martin, Sheila Copps, Jean Augustine, John Manley, Mac Harb, Alexa McDonough, Libby Davies, Gilles Duceppe and others. CCNC Chapter members are encouraged to meet or contact their local MPs to discuss the need for redress of the Head Tax and Chinese Exclusion Act. CCNC Chapters are strongly encouraged to be involved with the Last Spike, Canadians for Redress and the many exciting, ongoing initiatives in the Redress Campaign.

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CCNCTO President's Message

Kristyn Wong-Tam, Toronto President

The CCNC Toronto Chapter (CCNCTO) has again been active in fulfilling our advocacy mandate. The past year has proven to be most challenging for Toronto and even more so for the Chinese Canadian community.

CCNCTO was at the forefront with our community partners to expose the racialization of SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) and the Chinese Canadian population. In organizing a joint press conference and attending others, CCNCTO took the lead in challenging the media to widen the analysis on the effect of SARS. We issued a warning about the lasting stigmatization of AIDS as a gay disease and the harmful effects of delivering such a narrow message for the larger population. The issues of employee, housing, patient and human rights were overlooked and simplified in the mainstream media and as such, became key concerns for this office to address. We also wrote letters and met with our local politicians who overlooked the most marginalized, spoke out against racial profiling on CBC, OMNI Television and the Globe and Mail, met other NGO's to develop community strategies, organized a community dim sum and dinner reception at Bright Pearl Restaurant, and provided individual support to our constituents who were victimized due to racialization from SARS. Being in the city that was the hardest hit by SARS, CCNCTO will also be taking a collaborative role with other chapters in Vancouver and Saskatchewan in developing an action based research on the impact of SARS, the

racialization of East and Southeast Asian communities and policy and service recommendations on various institutional levels.

The two year old, Monkey King Collective (MKC) has evolved into a highly effective recruiting and mentoring group for youth interested in social justice and capacity building. We were the key sponsor and organizer of "Take This Job and Funk it!" – Mayworks Festivals' most successful youth event for labour and arts, as well as coordinating "Counter Impressions" art auction, that raised thousands of dollars for the organization.

CCNCTO efforts were also concentrated in the electoral system through leadership and organizing Candidates Mayoral forum to encourage civic participation within our community, and to challenge the lack of response by our governments to ethnoracial needs/concerns. Our goal was to bring general members together to engage in the political process, so that our specific issues would be properly addressed and not lost in the general discussions.

This year we also became the sponsor of the Homeworker's Association (HWA) initiative which is an organization of Chinese Canadian Women Workers who sew in the garment industry at home. As their sponsor, CCNCTO has been working with its over 220 membership in developing collective capacity for systemic changes to current labour policies and practices.

Last year, we challenged MOJO radio in their offensive stereotypical portrayal of Chinese fast food workers. This year we wrote in protest of very racist imagery captured in cartoons depicting a slant-eyed Chinese astronaut exploring space in an old junkship published in The Toronto Star. It was meant to be a commentary on China's space program. Instead, it was a disappointing moment

to see a major Canadian newspaper not be more proactive in anti-discriminatory editorial practices. Again, CCNCTO had been reminded of the intrinsic racist attitudes that exist and those which are fostered in the mainstream press.

In the upcoming year, our projects include focusing on community issues such as homelessness, housing and poverty, community policing and accountability, access to health care, education and equity, capacity building for small ethnoracial organizations through collaboration with mainstream institutions, and alternative city planning through our partnerships with the Council of Agencies Serving South Asians, the Hispanic Development Council, and the African Canadian Social Development Council.

Through the hard work, dedication and volunteerism of our Board and supporters, CCNCTO has seen tremendous growth and sustainable development. I look forward to continued success and have been humbled by all the incredibly talented people for whom **I have the greatest respect.**

In Solidarity,
Kristyn Wong-Tam

Activity Highlights October 2002 to October 2003

Policy Advocacy

❖ Made deputation to the Community Neighbourhood Services Committee on the importance of city grants to the on-going work of anti-racist and social justice organizations

❖ As a member of the Alternative Planning Group (APG), developed joint position paper with the Council of Agencies Serving South Asians, Hispanic Development Council and the African Canadian Social Development Council on the inclusion of anti-racism and anti-discrimination activities as a charitable act under the Canadian Customs and Revenue Agency

❖ Developed joint submission with the Metro Toronto Chinese and Southeast Asian Legal Clinic to the Ontario Human Rights Commission on the service barriers of the commission; held 2 press conferences on the impact of racial profiling on East and Southeast Asian Canadian communities

❖ In collaboration with the Council of Agencies Serving South Asians (CASSA) and the Toronto Organization For Fair Employment (TOFFE) initiated Ethno-racial Women's Contingent Workers Project aimed at developing policy recommendations and facilitating individual advocacy and networks within Chinese and South Asian Canadian women in contingent work

❖ Organized community forum to advocate for core funding for not-for profit community based organizations

❖ Made deputation to the United Nation's Special Rapporteur on Racism. The deputation focused on 5 key areas including the racialization of Chinese Canadians as a result of SARS criminal justice system, the education system, employment and settlement services

❖ Made presentation and critique to the University of Toronto's Executive Governance Committee on their lack of diversity and equity implementation

Research and Planning

❖ As part of APG, developed joint policy paper on Social Inclusion/Exclusion of Ethno-Racial Canadian communities

❖ In collaboration with the Council of Agencies Serving South Asians, Hispanic Development Council, and the African Canadian Social Development Council, coordinated "LeGo – Building Blocks to Alternative Social Planning" a forum that explored issues of planning within ethno-racial communities and overcoming systemic barriers to inclusion

Community Education and Outreach

❖ Organized press conference to inform the Chinese Canadian community on the impact of the elimination of School Community Advisors within the Toronto District School Board

❖ Organized press conference for CCNC National office and the Metro Toronto Chinese and South-east Asian Legal Clinic in response to growing anti-Asian backlash as a result of SARS. The press conference received massive media coverage

❖ In collaboration with the Chinese Interagency Network, coordinated a press meeting to raise the public's awareness of existing services for Mandarin speakers and the need to advocate for increase funding for services to all peoples of Chinese origins

❖ In collaboration with the Chinese Interagency Network, organized 2 sets of 6 module certificate programs on human rights in advocacy within the labour and social services field for new immigrants of Chinese origins

❖ Participated in a series of interviews on the CBC, CTV and other mainstream media on the racialization of Chinese and other East and South-east Asian communities due to SARS

❖ In partnership with the Centre for Informa-

tion and Community Services, Home Workers Association, Injured Workers' Legal Consultants, Metro Toronto Chinese & Southeast Asian Legal Clinic, St. Stephen's Community House, University Settlement Recreation Centre and WoodGreen Community Centre, organized mayoral candidates forum at Grange Park in Toronto. The forum had the participation of over 100 individuals and focused on labour issues and inequities faced by people of Chinese origins in the city

❖ In response to the Ontario Human's Rights Commission (OHRC) to address all forms of racial profiling in Ontario, Toronto Chapter collaborated with the Metro Toronto Chinese and Southeast Asian Legal Clinic and the OHRC in organizing a community-wide consultation on racialization of East and Southeast Asian communities. The consultation included the participation of the Canadian Korean Women's Association, Kababayan Community Centre and the Vietnamese Association of Toronto.

❖ Organized joint press conference with the Community Equity Reference Group on the cuts to equity programs and the negative impact on Chinese Canadian students and parents

❖ Attended press conference on cuts to Adult English As A Second Language programs and structural barriers of the integration of new immigrants

❖ Organized anti-racism training for the grade four class of the Duke of Connaught Primary school

❖ Sponsored by the Mayworks Festival for the Arts and Labour, CCNCTO's Monkey King Collective Spearheaded "Take This Job and Funk It!" – An Asian Youth political cabaret on labour, Asian identity, anti racism, anti-globalization and youth empowerment. The event had the participation of over 330 youth across the city and was one of the most successful event for Mayworks

❖ Made presentation to the CICS Settlement Services Workers on client advocacy and community development

❖ Provided anti-racism peer support training for Young Chinese Canadian Women. Entitled "Training for Change" the intense two-day training aimed to equip Young Chinese Canadian women to carry out anti-racism action in their community and build networks with various progressive movements

❖ As part of the APG, presented models for alternative planning, diversity and civic inclusion to the Portuguese Interagency Network

Advocacy and Coalition Building

❖ Established external monitoring body with members of the Community Equity Reference Group of the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) aimed at making the TDSB accountable for their lack of implementation of equity policies and practices

❖ Organized anti-discrimination actions as a result of SARS including eat-ins at local Chinese Canadian restaurants, attended meetings with local politicians and responsed to victims of racialization

❖ Spearheaded a city wide forum entitled "Laying the Foundations – An Equity in Education Forum" at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education/University of Toronto. With over 220 delegates, the forum was a collaboration between members of the Community Equity Reference Group (Urban Alliance on Race Relations, Organization of Parents of Black Children, Toronto Federation of Chinese Parents, Metro Network for Social Justice and Coalition Against Homophobia), and focused on bringing issues of equity back into the forefront by critiquing the province's conser-

vative policies and programming

❖ Spoke out at rally organized by the Injured Workers' Legal Consultants on the province's treatment of injured workers and inequities within the Worker's Safety and Insurance Board's English As a Second Language retraining program

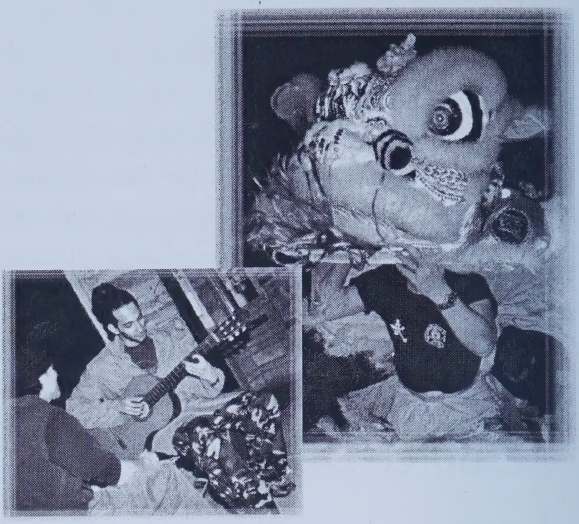
Organization and Resource Development

❖ Organized its first youth fundraiser entitled "Counter Impressions!" – an art auction hosted by the Monkey King Collective. The youth collective raised over $5,000 for the organization

❖ Participated in "Changing Work and Changing Lives" – a community strategy session for Chinese and South Asian Canadian garment workers at OISIE/University of Toronto

❖ Developed collaboration with Hong Fook Mental Health Association, St. Michael's Hospital and the Centre for Addictions and Mental Health for models of community partnership and diversity

❖ Began 5 year organizational strategic planning with Glen Brown and Associates



Annual Report For Monkey King Collective

Established since March 2002, the Monkey King Collective (MKC) has had a phenomenal year in promoting youth leadership, civic engagement, and capacity building within CCNCTO and the larger Chinese Canadian community. As a progressive Chinese Canadian youth collective, it has more than proven that the voices of Chinese Canadian youth matter, and that they have a unique and important role in advocating for social justice, diversity and anti-discrimination. With over 20 members in the collective, the group has been meeting on a regular basis and has managed to organize a number of key events and activities that have resulted in the increase of youth involvement within the organization and beyond. More importantly, these event/activities have shown that the issues of Chinese Canadian youth cannot be tokenized and in order for CCNCTO to move forward, their issues must be an integral part of the organization's governance, structure and decision making. Highlights of MKC's achievements include:

❖ Organizing an Intensive Leadership and Anti-Racism training for young Chinese Canadian women: With the facilitation of Kellie Fong and

May Lui, the training provided concrete skills for Chinese Canadian Women to challenge discrimination and racism as well as share common intersections of "oppression" such as homophobia, sexism, abelism, etc.

❖ Coordination of Take This Job and Funk IT!: Celebrating Asian Heritage month and the intersection of art and labour issues, FunK IT! – became MKC's signature and most highly successful event organized for Mayworks – A Festival of Working People and the Arts. With over 340 youth and adults in attendance, the 360° bar had East, Southeast and South Asian youth perform, rap and dance to issues of identiy, racism, anti-globalization, and intersection of common struggles. Not only were the performances riveting, it also showed to the community that Chinese Canadian youth are proactive and have something to say about everyday injustices.

❖ Outreaching to students at York University, University of Toronto and Ryerson University and other venues/events through setting up display boards, MKC's Youth Coordinator reached out to youth who were not traditionally involved with CCNCTO, as well as worked with organizations such as the Urban Alliance on Race Relations, The Toronto Youth Cabinet (City of Toronto) and the Council of Agencies Serving South Asians in joint events such as forums and educational workshops.

Although MKC has made significant strides in engaging youth over the past year, this could not have been made possible without the dynamic leadership of our Youth Coordinator, Kellie Fong, Kristyn Wong-Tam, our many volunteers and the funding support of The Laidlaw Foundation.

As we look towards the future, MKC continues to be optimistic and will continue its legacy in involving and leading Chinese Canadian youth in CCNCTO and the broader Chinese Canadian community.

Equity in Education

CCNCTO was at the forefront of the protests against the former provincial government's cutbacks to equity in the Toronto public education system. As early as last fall, plan was set in motion to re-energize the weakened fight against the decimation of essential equity programs and services. This ambitious project involved the organization of an event that would alert and inform the public of the equity crisis in education, consolidate partnerships with other equity-seeking organizations, and motivate community members to protest the incessant slashing of the Toronto District School Board's equity department and resources.

Through the tireless dedication of the CCNCTO, the Community Equity Reference Group (CERG), and incredible volunteers including teachers and administrators, a jam-packed and comprehensive agenda was created. On April 12th, 2003, CCNCTO and CERG co-hosted a conference entitled "Equity in Education: Laying the Foundations" at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto. Attendance was excellent and represented a wide range of concerned groups, including community members, parents, students, and teachers. Attendees had the opportunity to speak directly to Director David Reid and take him to task on his government's irresponsible and misguided handling of the education system.

The conference also included a panel of speakers including trustees, students and teachers who shared their concerns and visions for improved equity. Conference participants had a chance to meet with one another and share their stories, and plans of action during intense brainstorming sessions led by facilitators. The general mood after the conference was of optimism and renewed energy to mobilize efforts to demand accountability and improvement to the situation. The recent election clearly demonstrated that the former government's education plan was not supported, and we can only hope that the incoming government will take measures to fix the damage that has been done.

The Equity in Education group is now in the final stages of preparing a conference report for widespread distribution and will continue to monitor the progress of the new government's education strategy.

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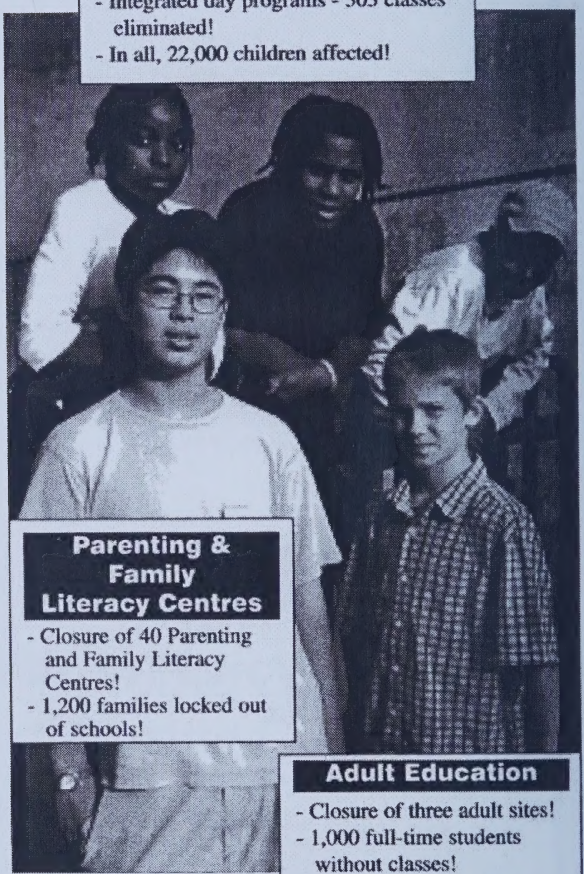

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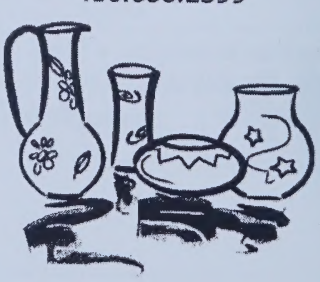

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平等教育機會

平權會多倫多分會乃是領導反對前安省政府削減多倫多教育費用的先鋒。本會在去年秋季已採取行動重整抗爭行動，包括聯絡有關團體進行公民教育，提高他們對平等教育機會的關注，抗議多倫多教育局不停削減主管平等教育的部門及資源。

因得到平權會多倫多分會，社區公正轉介團體(CERG)以及教育和學校行政人員緊密的支持，總結一個有建設性的討論議程。

2003年4月12日，平權會多倫多分會和社區公正轉介團體在多倫多大學－Ontario Institute for Studies in Education 聯合舉辦一個會議，主體爲 “平等教育機會，建立社會棟梁”，出席人數衆多，來自各個階層人士包括社區成員，家長，學生和老師。與會者有直接與 David Reid 主任對話的機會，讓他們提出意見或指出當今政策不當之處。

大會在評論統籌員帶領下，討論及交流意見，發言者包括教育局理事，教師和學生。統籌員總結大會意見之後寫成報告，其報告將在社會各階層廣泛流傳，以發揮對新政府政策監察的作用，並推出新措施去彌補過往政策上的缺憾。

此報告有助於推動平等教育的機會，及作爲新教育制度的藍本和方向。期望新政府聽取我們的意見。

2002年 至 2003年 “美猴王小組”(MKC)的 年度報告

自2002年3月成立以來，“美猴王小組”(MKC)在鼓勵青年成爲領袖推動民間的參與,和在平權會多倫多分會及廣泛華裔加人社區內的工作拓展上有一個成績優異的一年。作爲一個進步華裔加拿大青年組織，美猴王小組的成就足以證明了華裔青年的意見是有其重要性的。同時他們在倡導社會公義、多元化以及反歧視等議題上也有重要且獨特的角色。

這個超過二十位成員的組織定期聚會，並組織了許多重要活動。透過參與這些活動，青年們更積極參與本會各項活動，亦因此而提升了個人的質素。更重要的是這些活動顯示了加國華裔青年的議題不能被視爲象徵性的議題。爲了平權會多倫多分會的工作能夠往前推展,青年議題必須是組織內管理及決策結構中不可缺少的一部份。

“美猴王小組”的主要成就包括：

❖ 爲華裔加國女性提供一系列密集的領導及反種族歧視培訓：在方家怡和 May Lui 的引導下，向華裔加國女性提供了具體的技巧訓練來挑戰種族歧視。

同時大家亦分享及交換對不同類型受壓迫人士包括對同性戀、女性及殘障人士的意見。

❖ 統籌“接受工作又逃避它”：在慶祝亞洲傳統月及藝術與勞工節中，“美猴王小組”(MKC)在“360°吧”舉辦了最成功及觸目的活動。出席的青年及成年人超過340名。表演方面有來自東亞，東南亞及南亞裔的青年歌唱家及舞蹈。表演主題是環繞着“身份的問題”，“種族岐視”，“反全球化”，及各項有關連的鬥爭。這些表演不僅使人振奮，同時亦顯示出加國華裔青年對不公義的事情表現積極和敢言的一面。

❖ 在約克大學，多倫多大學和懷亞遜大學進行外展工作：“美猴王小組”(MKC)青年統籌員在大學校園內透過設立展覽向那些從未參與平權會多倫多分會的青年學生進行招募，並與下列機構：Urban Alliance on Race Relations, The Toronto Youth Cabinet 和南亞裔服務機構 (CASSA) 等聯合舉辦論譠及教育工作坊。

❖ “美猴王小組”(MKC)在過去一年推動青年工作有顯著的成就，假如沒有青年統籌員方家怡領導。平權會多倫多分會會長及義工們的支持，加上Laidlaw Foundation的資助。“美猴王小組”(MKC)的工作成果是無法達成的。

建立聯絡網。

❖ 以APG成員的身份爲 葡裔社區服務聯會 介紹替代計劃，多元化，和市民的權益和責任等模式。

政策方針提議與聯盟的建立

❖ 與多倫多教育局 (TDSB) 的 Community Equity Reference Group 中的成員 成立一外圍監督體系。其主要目的是要 TDSB 爲他們不能貫徹平等權益政策而負責。

❖ 就非典型肺炎對華人社區的衝擊、組織一系列活動，包括鼓勵到華人餐館用膳,與各政界人士接觸，及對受非典型肺炎和種族偏見受害人士提出回應。

❖ 主導一個全市公開論壇 "Laying the Foundations An Equity in Education Forum" 邀請兩佰多市代表及與主辦單位成員 (Urban Alliance on Race Relations, Organization of Parents of Black Children, Toronto Federation of Chinese Parents, Metro Network for Social Justice and Coalition Against Homophobia) 等組織共同針對省政府的保守政策和計劃重新將平等權益的議程帶回第一線。

❖ 在受傷工人諮詢法援處所所舉辦的大會，對省政府有關受傷工作者的處理和 Worker's Safety and Insurance Board's English As a Second Language 的再訓練計劃中的不平等發表談話。

組織和資源的發展

❖ 藉由美猴王小組主辦的藝術品拍賣會，組織了命名爲“Counter Impressions!” 的首次年輕人的籌款計劃。這計劃爲機構籌集了五千餘元。

❖ 參加在 OISIE/UT 爲了 Chinese and South Asian Canadian garment workers，以 “Changing Work and Changing Lives” 爲名的社區策略性的會議。

❖ 與康福心理健康中心，聖米高醫院和 Centre of Addiction Mental Health 共同發展社區合作與多元化模式。

❖ 邀請 Glen Brown & Associates 協助策劃五年發展方針

❖ 與服務華人機構聯會，共同招開記者招待會，提醒大眾目前爲說普通話的人所提供的服務項目，並且極力主張增加爲所有華人服務的基金。

❖ 與華人社區服務聯會所(CIN)合作，開辦兩主組，每組6單位的有證書課程，來教導華人新移民有關勞工和社會服務範圍內的人權。

❖ 接受一連串的 CBC，CTV 和其他主流媒體的訪問，講述非典型肺炎對華人和其他亞裔人社區的種族偏見。

❖ 與華諮處，家庭車衣工人聯誼會，受傷工人諮詢法援處，法律援助中心(服務華人及東南亞社區)，聖士提反社區中心，嘉蘭中心和活賢社區中心合作，假多倫多的 Grange Park 舉辦市長候選人的公開討論會，此次的公開討論會有上百人參加，其焦點在討論勞工問題以及這個城市華人所面臨的不平等代遇。

❖ 爲了回應安省人權委員會 (OHRC) 對安大略省的所有種族的描述文件，平權會多倫多分會和法律援助中心(服務華人及東南亞社區)以及安省人權委員會共同作了一份對於亞裔人種偏見的廣泛調查。此項調查也諮詢了加拿大韓裔婦女協會，Kababayan Community Centre 以及 運動

Vietnamese Association等團體。

❖ 與社區公政轉介團體就刪減平權計畫方案以及它對華裔加國學生和家長的負面衝擊，聯合舉辦新聞發表會。

❖ 出席有關“刪減成人的英語作爲第二語言課程和它構成新移民融入社會的阻礙”的新聞發表會。

❖ 爲Duke of Connaught Primary School四年級學生舉辦反種族偏見的訓練。

❖ 藉由 Mayworks Festival for the Arts and Labour 的贊助，平權會多倫多分會美猴王小組以一個反種族偏見、反全球化、和授權青年的亞裔青年政治化餘興節目“Take the Job and Funk it!”來爲活動的先鋒。有來自全市的三百餘位青少年參加此慶典。這是此次Mayworks 活動中最成功的項目。

❖ 對華諮處移民服務社工陳述有關委託人主張和社區的發展。

❖ 加國華裔女青年提供反種族偏見的訓練。這個定名爲“Training for Change”的兩天密集訓練，主要的目的是讓加國華裔女青年在她們的社區中有充分的能力去完成反種族偏見的活動，以及和其他的革新

活動要點
(2002年10月至2003年10月)

對現行政策提出改善:

❖ 向市政府屬下社區服務委員會提交見意書、針對反歧視和社會公義組織撥款的重要性。

❖ 以 Alternative Planning Group (APG) 成員身份與南亞裔服務機構總會,西班牙語裔總會,非裔社區發展聯盟合作向政府提交立場書,指出加拿大慈善條款中應納入反歧視等活動。

❖ 聯同大多市華人法律諮詢中心向安省人權委員會提交見意書及舉行兩次記者招待會,針對人權委員會服務架構的障礙,及種族偏見對東亞裔和南亞裔社區的正面衝擊。

❖ 聯同南亞裔服務機構總會和TOFLE推出一項新計劃。在族裔婦女臨時性工作問題上研討政策改善,如婦女組織網,和婦女在個人問題上的參與。

❖ 組織社區討論會向政府提出對非牟利機構撥款的重要性。

❖ 委派代表委員會與聯合國反種族歧視特派專員談論有關種族偏見一事,這個代表團將議題重點集中在"非典型肺炎華人化","刑法制度的公正","教育

制度”，“就業”，以及“定居”等五方面。

❖ 對於有關多倫多大學的行政委員會的缺乏多元化和對平等權益政策的施行，發表聲明並加以批評。

研究和計劃

❖ 與APG的其他成員對有關Social Inclusion/Exclusion of Ethno-Racial Canadian communities的議題擬定聯合政策。

❖ 與南亞裔服務機構總會，西班牙語裔總會，以及非裔社展聯盟協調合作，共同舉辦以“LeGo-Building Blocks to Alternative Social Planning”爲題的一次公開討論會，探討有關在有社色人種社區內的社會規劃以及如何克服有系統的排擠等議題。

社區教育及拓展

❖ 安排新聞發表會，告知華裔加人社區有關多倫多教育局刪減學校社區顧問所帶來的衝擊。

❖ 與平權會全國總會和法律援助中心(服務華人及東南亞社區)舉辦新聞發表會以回應因非典型肺炎而對亞洲人逐漸增長的強烈反彈。新聞發表會受到廣泛的媒體報導。

成立才兩年的美猴王已漸漸地發展成一個高效能的小組去吸收，並培育那些對社會公義及擴展能力有興趣的青年人。我們是 Mayworks Festivals 中 "Take this Job and Funk it" 活動的主要贊助及組織者。這一個結合勞工藝術的項目是 Mayworks Festivals 中最成功的青年活動。我們在統籌 "Counter Impressions" 爲名的藝術品拍賣會中替本會籌募了數千元的經費。

平權會多倫多分會的努力也集中在選舉制度上。平權會多倫多分會主辦了市長候選人公開論壇，藉以鼓勵市民參與社區及公民活動。同時亦帶出政府如何對種族的需要漠不關注。我們的目標是鼓動會員參與政治活動。如此一來，我們的議題方可被正視，而不會在一般的討論中被摒棄一旁。

今年我們也成爲家庭車衣工人聯誼會 (HWA) 的贊助者。HWA 是由一群在家中車衣女工所組成的華裔婦女工人團體。超過 220 位成員共同發展集體力量改善目前的勞工政策與執行。

去年，我們評擊 MOJO 廣播電台對華裔快餐工作人員具有攻擊性的定型描述。今年，我們去函多倫多星報抗議他們刊登含有強烈種族岐視的圖片。這張描述一

個斜眼的華籍太空人乘坐一艘破爛的船在太空中漫遊的卡通圖片是用來評論中國的航空計劃。看到一個加國主流報社沒有更積極地執行反種族岐視的社論政策確實令人感到失望。平權會多倫多分會也再次提醒大家種族偏見不僅存在,而且還孕育於主流媒體之中。

在即將來臨的一年中,我們會透過與主流機構及各族裔社團的合作與及將計劃集中在社區性議題包括"露宿者","住屋的供不應求以及貧困","社區警察的政策和責任","醫療、教育與平權","增強小型的族裔團體"等項目。我們也會與我們的伙伴南亞裔服務機構總會,西班牙語裔總會以及非裔社展聯盟合作,致力於"發展另類的都市計劃"。

藉著本董事局成員以及支持者的辛勤耕耘、奉獻、與義務精神,平權會多倫多分會取得可喜的成就及進展。我期盼你們能將成功的經驗延續下去。同時我也向許多有才華的同事和朋友們致上最大的敬意。

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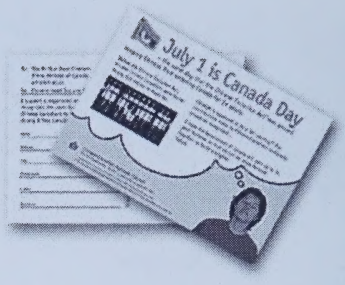
全加華人協進會多倫多分會會長致詞

王慧文

全加華人協進會(平權會)多倫多分會在過去一年，再一次很積極地完成我們所倡導的主張。不僅是對多倫多並且對華裔社區來說,都是最具挑戰性的一年。

平權會多倫多分會與社區伙伴們並肩站在最前線指出將非典型肺炎華人化的錯誤。不論在聯合召開的或在各不同的新聞記者會上平權會多倫多分會都率先挑戰在座的傳媒對過份分析非典型肺炎所帶來的影響。我們提出警告:如果將AIDS視爲同性戀者的疾病,以及對廣大民眾散佈如此狹義的傷害言論,將會使受害者蒙上永久的烙印。由非典型肺炎而產生的就業、房屋、病人及人權問題，全部都被主流媒體忽略並且簡化了。這些問題也因此變成了本會所關注的重要議題。我們不僅去函及與本地的議員面談抗議他們對弱勢群眾的忽視。我們不單在CBC, OMNI電視台以及國家郵報等媒體提出以種族作出帶有偏見及針對性的分類與行動。我們更與志願團體商討社區對策。同時我們也在楓城酒樓舉行點心聚會及晚宴,其目的是爲我們在非典型肺炎種族化過程中大力支持個別受到傷害的成員及出手去議定。由於多市受到非典型肺炎的重創。平權會多倫多分會將會與溫哥華和斯高沙省分會共同推展以非典型肺炎的衝擊東亞及東南亞裔社區被種族化的行動或研究活動，同時也對各種不同層次的機構所提供的政策與服務的建議。



平反人頭稅及排華法運動報告

謝韻詩

平反運動在平反委員會過去一年的辛勤努力下有了很大的進展。

最後一顆鐵路釘運動是平反委員會最近期主動開展的運動。這個運動把加拿大傑出歷史學家Pierre Berton(“最後一顆鐵路釘”的作者)慷慨捐出的一顆鐵路釘在平權會各分會和其他團體在全加各地舉辦的活動中展出。最後一顆鐵路釘運動的主要目的是要提升廣大民眾對由人頭稅和排華法所引發的種族歧視的認識。運動同時也支持了平權會楔而不捨游說聯邦政府對直接受歧視性法例影響的人頭稅苦主及其家庭成員作出賠償的努力。在這本宴會刊物出版時，最後一顆鐵路釘運動應已在哈里法斯、約克區、班芙 和愛民頓等地方舉行過了。 未來運動計劃在多倫多、蒙特利爾、卡加利、溫哥華、渥太華及其他城市展開。 這運動廣泛地被中英文報紙、電視和電台報導。

平權會全國總會和溫哥華、蒙特利爾、哈里法斯等分會均在今年九月期間就人頭稅和排華法對聯合國反種族歧視特派專員Mr. Doudou Diene作出口頭和書面的報告。我們期望聯合國特派專員會在今年十二月公佈的報告中討論到人頭稅和排華法。以上各會議均被傳媒廣泛報導。

一個由高知名度人士和團體組成的加拿大人支持平反運動聯盟在2003年5月成立。

其目的在於支持平反運動。它的成員包括 Pierre Berton, June Callwood, Sherry Douglas, Margaret Atwood, 日裔加人全國協會 和許多在平權會平反運動中的贊助者。 當平反運動氣勢日增之際，這聯盟也不斷地擴張。

在明信片運動達到高峰時期，平權會在2002年10月29日在國會大廈前舉辦了一個成功的群眾大會。三千多張簽了名的明信片敦促總理對平反人頭稅和排華法進行協商。新民主黨黨員Alexa McDonough 及 Libby Davies 以及魁人政黨的黨魁 Gilles Duceppe 都在大會上發言支持平反運動。 加拿大祖裔部長 Sheila Copps, 以及多元文化國家秘書長 Jean Augustine, 也參加了這次大會。

平反運動委員會成員將繼續爲平反運動事件游說聯邦政府，並與主要國會議員Paul Martin, Sheila Copps, Jean Augustine, John Manley, Mac Harb, Alexa McDonough, Libby Davies, Gilles Duceppe 等人會談過。 平權會鼓勵各分會會員聯繫各自的國會議員提出討論平反人頭稅和排華法的急切性。平權會總會也鼓勵各個分會多參與最後一顆鐵路釘運動、加拿大人支持平反運動聯盟、以及平反運動日後將舉辦的許多令人興奮的活動。

2002 至 2003 年度 移民和難民政策 委員會報告

馮玉蘭

今年度全加華人協進會繼續進行就聯邦移民及難民政策的倡導工作、目標在於爭取聯邦政策能更佳反映國民共同分享的人道主義價值觀，並加強新移民對未來國家的貢獻。

在二月份，本會向公民和移民常務委員會提交了有關公民法議案(Bill C-18)和移民服務等兩份建議書。

我們會就公民法議案的建議書主要集中在華裔加拿大社區關注的五個問題包括：居民資格、被收養者事宜、公民資格之自動喪失、公民資格的取消和廢除、公民資格的拒絕和禁止等方面。本會呼籲政府對需要外遊或在加拿大境外工作人仕實施較靈活的居留政策。我們也表達了對公民法議案將會製造不平等公民等級及導致公民更易喪失公民權的關注。我們並建議聯邦政府在議案中加入附例以保障在境外透過不公允程序被控訴或判罪者的基本法律及程序權利，以避免執法者權力過度膨脹或被濫用。

本會深信有效的移民服務是促使移民和難民成功地在加拿大安居樂業的重要因素。因此，我們向聯邦政府提出以下幾點移民服務建議：

1. 政府應大幅度增加移民服務的運作核心撥款，

2. 關注三級政府和不同部門間就提供移民服務中存在的漏洞和不協調問題,

3. 給予前線服務機構在配合移民和難民服務對象需要和提供多元化活動方面有更大的靈活性,

4. 增加移民服務撥款包括語言訓練等,並把服務對象擴大至包括取得公民資格多年的人士和難民申請者。

在六月公佈的建議書中,公民和移民常務委員會採納了不少本會就移民服務提出的建議。我們計劃在未來一年與各區分會和志願機構繼續合作以敦促各議員按照建議書來訂定新政策。

九月期間,本會與其他團體共同舉辦了一個有關成人英語作爲第二語言服務的公開論壇。出席者包括成人學生、教師、志願服務機構和三級議會的代表等。論壇主要集中討論語言訓練撥款對協助移民和難民在加拿大社會、經濟、和政治全面參與的重要性。與會者並分享了如何加強公眾和政府決策者對這議題關注的策略問題。

今年透過本會和眾多志願團體的努力爭取下,移民部終於把技術移民的合格分數降至六十七分。本會對此政策改進表示歡迎。

全加華人協進會就平反人頭稅和排華法對聯合國特派專員所作的報告

馮玉蘭

全加華人協進會和法律援助中心(服務華人及東南亞社區)在今年九月二十五日聯合呈交一份 有關平反人頭稅和排華法 的報告給予聯合國及反種族歧視特派專員 Mr. Doudou Diene。

這兩個組織力勸 Mr. Doudou Diene忠告加國政府平反長期以來對加國華人社區的不平等待遇，尤其是那些付了人頭稅還得承受廿四年排華法歧視的苦主。平權會的文件陳述了人頭稅和排華法的歷史背景以及它們對華裔加拿大人在個人、家庭及整體社區長期以來的傷害。

幾十年來，那些付了人頭稅的苦主和他們的家庭承受極度的經濟困境，長期被迫與家人分離，以及面對惡意的種族歧視。雖然華人移民加國已有一百五十年的歷史，但由於多年來的排華法的實施，華人社區至今仍然呈示第一代移民的特徵。因爲在海外出生的華人在華裔加人人口中的高比例而阻礙了華人在加國政界的發展。加國華裔社區至今仍然容易受到評擊，同時也容易在類似非典型肺炎的危機中成爲種族歧視的評擊對象。平反人頭稅和排華法可以幫助那些付了人頭稅的苦主和他們的家人重拾人類的尊嚴，同時重建對這個長期拼棄他們國家的歸屬感。平反運動也可以協助重新訂立華裔加拿大社區的歷史。

對以往不公義待遇作出賠償已漸漸在國際上被承認是恢復人權受害者尊嚴的一種方式。國內外法庭和國際公約也表達出對以往歧視可以得到平反的原則。加拿大是世界人權宣言以及國際消除各類種族歧視公約的簽署國。可是加拿大至今仍未能將國際公認的原則編入國家法律，甚至將賠償問題視爲只能由內閣來裁決的政府特權。

因爲加拿大政府避而不談平反問題，我們要求聯合國特派專員在訪加期間對加拿大政府提出此議題。這一議題對於尋求平反歧視的社區團體以及整個加拿大社會都具有重要的意義。提出加國以往官方的種族歧視可以保證這件事件並沒有被遺忘。同時也重新肯定所有加拿大人都是平等的原則，誰人也不應像加國政府的人頭稅政策一樣可以透過種族歧視而獲利。

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加華先鋒獎:

馮理察

馮理察被公衆喻爲一位具備智慧和活力的知識份子、藝術家、影像攝影家和社會活躍份子。他出生於千里達的中國家庭，他的家人在事業上都很有成就而他亦不例外。在2002年4月，理察被多倫多NOW雜誌刊登爲封面主角，雜誌重點介紹他的工作包括完成十一部錄影帶。其內容是說及人類對性、歷史、家庭和種族探索中的矛盾。他亦曾在不同的媒體工作去傳遞他對教學、藝術行動主義、和批判性寫作的訊息。作爲一個具知名度的知識份子，理察曾在無數的論壇上演講。演說內容涵蓋同性戀問題、亞裔身份認同、和“文化和政治領域中的模糊矛盾交界情境”等(錄自2002年NOW雜誌文章)。

理察現時在多倫多大學安省教育研究所的獨立影像傳媒和教育中心內工作。他曾是多倫多華裔同性戀者的共同始創人，亦是反種族歧視和教育工作的活躍推動者。他努力透過他的藝術創作、寫作和教學去衝擊和推廣主流社會和華裔社區對亞裔同性戀的理解。

今年我們十分榮幸頒發加華先鋒獎給理察以表揚他對加拿大華裔社區的投入和貢獻。

2003年加華青年先鋒獎:

Masia One

Masia One 努力在一個容易被人典型化的行業由塑造一個正面的亞洲婦女形象。Masia One 出生於新加坡而在卑詩省溫哥華市受教育。她是 Public Enemy 樂隊的長期歌迷。她畢業於多倫多大學的建築工程學系。在2001年她踏出藝術樂壇的第一步在The Cyberkrib.com's的全女性都市演 出會中以演唱 "I Still love H.E.R" 而獲得觀眾的讚賞和愛慕。

今天，Masia One 的目標是成爲一個在樂壇各領域被認可的藝人而非一般街頭hip hop的表演者。最近她剛完成首張個人的唱片。其唱片在 2003 年8月於加拿大全面發行。這包括有12首歌曲的唱片是一個百份百獨立創作的成果。由設計，藝術指導，市場推廣以致公關均由 Masia 獨自經營運作 M! Group 和的聯合管理小組鬚負責執行。 最近首次發行的 Jasmine 茉莉花雜誌也有報導她的近況。

Masia One在一個以男性爲主導的樂壇界成功爭取到成爲一位被認可的藝人。她以自身經驗去啓迪不少加拿大的華裔青年婦女去勇於追求自己夢想和勇於達到優秀水平。

恭喜Masia成爲今年度的加拿大華人青年先鋒獎。

全加華人協進會全國總會會長致詞

裴振森

非典型肺炎喚醒了華裔加拿大社區

今年初在加拿大爆發的非典型肺炎顯示了種族歧視的現實以及它對華裔和亞裔加拿大人的衝擊。

媒體，政府官員和社會大眾對此病症的回應反映出一百多年來加拿大對華裔加人固有的典型化的偏見。前安省能源部長 John Baird 在記者會上，諷刺地作咳嗽狀並開玩笑說他有一個“愉快的亞洲旅程”。移民及難民保護局內有些工作人員縱使知道申請人已在加拿大住了將近兩年並無危害他人之慮，也在中國難民聽證會上戴上口罩。報章和電視新聞一再播放戴口罩的亞洲人照片，不停地強化華裔和亞裔加人與非典型肺炎的關聯。我們在多倫多的餐廳、髮廊和其他行業的生意比以往下降百份之八十。華裔和亞裔加人盡可能不搭公車，減少在學校和公共場所出現。

最令人困擾的是那些仇視團體，很快地將煽動性的文章公佈在他們的網站來責怪此一病毒的擴散是加拿大移民政策所導致，尤其是華裔加人之過。全加華人協進會和多倫多中華文化中心更收到許多惡言辱罵的電話，責怪“骯髒的華裔加人是非典型肺炎的傳播者”。爲了拯救更多生命而勇敢地公佈自己是第一個非典型肺炎病患者的華裔加人和其家庭反而被廣大社會所排斥。根據國家郵報的報導，他們被其他

人視爲怪獸，同時被視爲吃鼠食物、住豬圈。

除了鄒至蕙和 Dr. Sheila Basrur 等少數人之外，我們在多倫多的官員對於非典型肺炎 在加拿大所造成的種族衝突並無任何反應。 除了在華人餐廳中照些宣傳照片之外，政治人物也沒作甚麼事。

因非典型肺炎而受影響最深的小企業和薪水微薄的低收入工人並沒有得到任何補助。政府沒有任何計劃來教育民眾有關“病毒種族化”的錯誤。大眾的荷包卻補助了以非常技巧的廣告來推廣加國旅遊業的音樂會。

指出非典型肺炎所造成的負面影響是我們自己的社區大家團結一致的結果。平權會透過傳媒積極地作出對於種族衝擊的回應，同時也藉着與政府官員的會談以及串連全國各團體共同訂定回應衝擊的對策。在加拿大祖裔部的贊助下，我們正展開一個研究計劃來爲“非典型肺炎對社區的衝擊”定讞。在多倫多新成立的一個關注非典華裔加人社區聯盟爲我們提供了正確的資訊以及必要的支持。同時，華裔加拿大新聞記者Jane Wong 和 Steve Chao 等人也提供有關種族衝擊的一些敏銳的觀察。切身經歷的種族歧視終於喚起了華裔加人對他們在這個國家中脆弱地位的醒覺。祈盼華裔加人能以行動來將這些傷痛的經歷轉型。

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